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Female Sterilization
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that the Family Planning Programme has been skewed towards female sterilization, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) the details of female deaths due to sterilization during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any plans to promote male sterilization in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to shift focus from female sterilization to equally promote male sterilization?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The Family Planning Programme in India is voluntary in nature and the Government promotes all family planning choices including female sterilization equally. It is the prerogative of the clients to choose a family planning method as per their reproductive rights and the Government provides the services free of cost in all public health and accredited private/ NGO facilities. as per the demand.

(b): As per annexure attached.

(c) & (d): Yes. The initiatives undertaken by the Government to promote male sterilization in the country are:-
I. 'Vasectomy week' is being observed from 7th-14th November in all States of India since last year to raise awareness on male participation and promotion of male sterilization.

II. Training of service providers in No Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV) to enhance the pool of service providers.

III. Under the enhanced compensation scheme for sterilization, the compensation for male sterilization has been substantially increased vis-Ã -vis female sterilization.

IV. Home Delivery of Contraceptive Scheme through ASHAs aims at delivering contraceptives including condoms at the doorsteps of beneficiaries.